# REVENUE.

## LAND REVENUE.

*(Nos. 9 to 38.)*

SUBJECT No. 9.

Time scale to be fixed for promotions of officials in the Taluk and District Offices.

Mr. N. Narasimha Jois, Nagar Sabha.

*Mr. Narasimha Jois.*—Time scale may be fixed for promotions of officials in the Taluk and District Offices as in the case of Post Offices. This system has been in force for a long time in the Post Offices.

*Dewan.*—This is not possible.

SUBJECT No. 10.

Increase of *Potgi* and contingent charges of Village Officials.

Messrs. H. Thimmappaiya, Manjarabad Taluk; A. Narana Iyengar, Hassan Taluk; K. Naranappa, Hole-Narsipur Municipality; G. Gopalaiya, Holalkere Municipality; Seetharamappa, Hunsur Taluk; Dodda Ramegowda and Byregowda, Kolar Taluk; Sampangi Ramaiya, Malur Taluk; Chicka Rama Reddi, Bagepalli Taluk; D. S. Hammantha Rao, Devanhalli Taluk; Guruva Reddi, Bangalore Taluk; and Chickamallappa, Gundlupet Taluk.

*Mr. A. Narana Iyengar.*—As High Price Allowance is not given to Shanbhogs, the increased *potgi* may be given with retrospective effect.

*Dewan.*—The increased *potgi* will be paid within three or four months.

*Mr. Krishnappa Naik.*—As the *potgi* rules were framed in 1864 on the lines of the Bombay Rules fixing the *potgi* at 5 per cent to Shanbhogs and at 3 per cent to Patels, the rate should be revised.

*Dewan.*—It is not possible to increase anything further just now.

*Mr. D. S. Hanumantha Rao.*—The scale should be increased by 1 per cent, at least, or the assessment on the *Inam* lands done away with, as the Shanbhogs are not getting *miras* as they were before the *Potgi* Settlement. Several Shanbhogs do not also own *Inam* lands.

*Dewan.*—It will take some three years to complete the resettlement of taluks. Afterwards, we shall see whether the rate may be increased.

*Mr. Purushottama Anandagiri Gosai.*—The present land revenue is about one crore. If this is increased, then *potgi* may also be raised. There should be regular salaried Village Officers, the salary being fixed at Rs. 15 to 20 according to the nature of work. The hereditary nature of the offices should be done away with. There should also be frequent transfers of Shanbhogs and Patels. Unless the revenue of the State is increased, the question of increasing *potgi* does not arise. So the question may be dropped.

*Dewan.*—It is not now possible to increase *potgi*.

SUBJECT No. 11.

Grouping up of small villages into *Firkas* and enhancement of *Potgi* of Village Officials.

Messrs. B. Narayana Reddi, Bagepalli Taluk, and Sampangi Ramaiya, Malur Taluk.

*Mr. Narayana Reddi.*—Small villages, the *potgi* of which does not exceed Rs. 10 or 15, may be combined and formed into convenient *Firkas*. At present, *Potgi* ranges from As. 12 to Rs. 60. All such small villages may be grouped into one big village and the *Potgi* fixed at least at Rs. 48 to 60. The *Inam* lands should be left to hereditary *hakdars*, the officiators being paid only *potgi*.